List of bodhisattvas

In <u>Buddhist</u> thought, a <u>bodhisattva</u> (<u>Hindi, Devanagari</u>: बोधिसत्व; Burmese: ອັກວິລຸດ໌; Sinhalese: මාධ්සන්ව ; <u>Chinese</u>: 菩薩; <u>pinyin</u>: púsà; Japanese pronunciation: bosatsu; Korean pronunciation: bosal; Khmer: ເຫັລີຄັງ; Thai: โพธิสัตว์; <u>Tibetan</u>: སངས་རྡུན་ས།་མཚན་ བ།ངུམ་བུས་ས།་ས།་མཚན་ a being who is dedicated to achieving complete <u>Buddhahood</u>. Conventionally, the term is applied to beings with a high degree of enlightenment. Bodhisattva literally means a "bodhi (enlightenment) being" in <u>Pali</u> and <u>Sanskrit</u>. Mahayana practitioners have historically lived in many other countries that are now predominantly Hindu or Muslim; remnants of reverence for bodhisattvas has continued in some of these regions.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of bodhisattvas primarily respected in Buddhism.



Relief image of the bodhisattva

<u>Avalokiteśvara</u> from <u>Mount</u>

Jiuhua, Anhui, China

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Primary Bodhisattvas

Ākāśagarbha

<u>Chinese</u>: 虚空藏; <u>pinyin</u>: Xūkōngzàng; <u>Japanese pronunciation</u>: Kokūzō; <u>Korean</u>: 허공장; <u>Vietnamese</u>: Hư Không Tạng, Khmer: អាកាសគភ៌; Thai: พระอากาศครรภโพธิสัตว์; sinhalese:ආකාශගර්භ ;<u>Tibetan</u>: გ지 지지 (<u>THL</u>: Namkha'i Nyingpo) is a <u>bodhisattva</u> who is associated with the great element (mahābhūta) of space (ākāśa).

Avalokiteśvara (Padmapani)

(Burmese: လောကနတ်; <u>Chinese</u>: 觀音; <u>pinyin</u>: <u>Guanyin</u>; <u>Japanese pronunciation</u>: <u>Kannon</u>; <u>Korean</u>: 관음; <u>Vietnamese</u>: *Quán Thế Âm*, Khmer:អវលោកិតេស្វរៈ , អវលោកេស្វរៈ , លោកេស្វរៈ; sinhalese:අවලෝකිතේශ්වර Thai: พระอวโลกิเตศวรโพธิสัตว์; <u>Sinhalese</u>: Natha Deviyo; <u>Tibetan</u>: 對丙 녹지'지원되지', <u>THL</u>: Chenrézik)

The bodhisattva of compassion, the listener of the world's cries who uses skillful means to come to their aid; the most universally acknowledged bodhisattva in Mahayana Buddhism, also appears in Theravada and Vajrayana Buddhism. This bodhisattva gradually became identified predominantly as female in <u>East</u> Asian Buddhism and its name may originally have been Avalokitāśvara.

Kşitigarbha

(Chinese: 地藏; pinyin: *Dìzáng*; <u>Japanese pronunciation</u>: *Jizō*; <u>Korean</u>: 지장; <u>Vietnamese</u>: Địa Tạng, Khmer: ក្សិតិគភ៌; Mongolian: Сайенинбу; sinhalese:කශිතිගර්භ ;Thai: พระกษิติครรภโพธิสัตว์; <u>Tibetan</u>: ས་ཡོ་སྡོང་བོ་, <u>THL</u>: Sayi Nyingpo).

Kṣitigarbha is a bodhisattva primarily revered in East Asian Buddhism and usually depicted as a <u>Buddhist monk</u>. His name may be translated as "Earth Treasury", "Earth Store", "Earth Matrix", or "Earth Womb". Kṣitigarbha is known for his vow to take responsibility for the instruction of all beings in the <u>six worlds</u> between the death of <u>Gautama Buddha</u> and the rise of <u>Maitreya</u>, as well as his vow not to achieve <u>Buddhahood</u> until all <u>hells</u> are emptied. He is therefore often regarded as the bodhisattva of hell-beings, as well as the guardian of children and patron deity of deceased children in Japanese culture.

Mahāsthāmaprāpta

(<u>Chinese</u>: 大勢至; <u>pinyin</u>: *Dàshìzh*ì; <u>Japanese pronunciation</u>: *Daiseishi*; <u>Korean</u>: 대세지; <u>Vietnamese</u>: Đại Thế Chí; Khmer: មហាស្ថាមប្រាប្ត; sinhalese:මහාස්තාමපුාප්ත ; Thai: พระมหาสถามปราปต์โพธิสัตว์; Tibetan: མབུ་ཚན་ཚན་ཚན་ཚན་ནོ¬)

Mahāsthāmaprāpta (Korean: Daeseji) is a <u>mahāsattva</u> representing the power of wisdom, often depicted in a trinity with <u>Amitābha</u> and Avalokiteśvara, especially in <u>Pure Land Buddhism</u>. His name literally means "arrival of the great strength".

■ Maitreya, (Pali: Metteyya)

In some <u>Buddhist texts</u> such as the <u>Amitabha Sutra</u> and the <u>Lotus Sutra</u>, he is referred to as **Ajita**. Burmese: အရိမတ္တယျ; <u>Chinese</u>: 彌勒; pinyin: <u>Mílè</u>; <u>Japanese pronunciation: Miroku; Korean</u>: 미륵; <u>Vietnamese</u>: Di-lặc, Khmer: សិអារ្យមេត្រី, អរិយមេត្តយ្យ; Mongolian: Майдар, Асралт; Sinhalese: ෧ඓ බුදුන්; Thai: พระศรีอริยเมตไตรย; <u>Tibetan</u>: བུམས་པ་, THL: Jampa).

According to Buddhism, Maitreya is regarded as the future buddha. Buddhist tradition, Maitreya is a bodhisattva who will appear on Earth in the future, achieve complete enlightenment, and teach the pure *dharma*. According to scriptures, Maitreya will be a successor to the present Buddha, <u>Gautama Buddha</u>. The prophecy of the arrival of Maitreya refers to a time in the future when the dharma will have been forgotten by most on the terrestrial world. This prophecy is found in the canonical literature of all major <u>schools of Buddhism</u>. Maitreya has also been adopted for his millenarian role by many non-Buddhist religions in the past such as the <u>White Lotus</u> as well as by modern <u>new religious movements</u> such as Yiguandao.

Mañjuśrī

(Chinese: 文殊; pinyin: Wénshū; Japanese pronunciation: Monju; Korean: 문수; Vietnamese: Văn Thù, Khmer: មញ្ចុស្រី; Mongolian: Зөөлөн эгшигт;sinhalese:@o설ြ ; Thai: พระมัญชุศรีโพธิสัตว์; <u>Tibetan</u>: 덕토리'독리'독리'(독리는 Jampelyang)

Mañjuśrī is a bodhisattva associated with <u>prajñā</u> (transcendent wisdom) in Mahayana Buddhism. In Tibetan Buddhism, he is also a <u>yidam</u>. His name means "Gentle Glory". [3] Mañjuśrī is also known by the fuller Sanskrit name of Mañjuśrīkumārabhūta, [4] literally "Mañjuśrī, Still a Youth" or, less literally, "Prince Mañjuśrī".

Samantabhadra

<u>Chinese</u>: 普賢菩薩; <u>pinyin</u>: *Pǔxián*; <u>Japanese pronunciation</u>: *Fugen*; <u>Korean</u>: 보현; <u>Vietnamese</u>: *Phổ Hiền*,Khmer: សមន្តភទ្រ; <u>Mongolian</u>: Хамгаар Сайн; Sinhalese: සමන්තහදු ; <u>Tibetan</u>: ෭෭෮ඁ෦ඁ, THL: Küntu Zangpo, Thai: พระสมันตภัทรโพธิสัตว์}

Samantabhadra *Universal Worthy* is associated with practice and meditation. Together with the Buddha and Mañjuśrī, he forms the *Shakyamuni trinity* in <u>Buddhism</u>. He is the patron of the <u>Lotus Sutra</u> and, according to the <u>Avatamsaka Sutra</u>, made the ten great vows which are the basis of a bodhisattva. In <u>China</u>, Samantabhadra is associated with action, whereas Mañjuśrī is associated with prajñā. In Japan, Samantabharda is often venerated by the <u>Tendai</u> and in <u>Shingon Buddhism</u>, and as the protector of the *Lotus Sutra* by Nichiren Buddhism.

Vajrapāņi, (Pali: Vajirapāņi)

(Chinese: 金剛手; pinyin: Jīngāngshǒu; Japanese pronunciation: Kongōshu; Korean: 금강수; Vietnamese: Kim cương thủ, Khmer: វជ្របាណិ; sinhalese: වජුපානි ;Thai: พระวัชรปาณีโพธิสัตว์; <u>Tibetan</u>: පුතු අද්දි, THL: Chakna Dorjé)

Vajrapāṇi (Sanskrit, "Vajra in [his] hand") is one of the earliest-appearing bodhisattvas in Mahayana Buddhism. He is the protector and guide of Gautama Buddha and rose to symbolize the Buddha's power.

Vajrapāṇi is extensively represented in Buddhist iconography as one of the three protective deities surrounding the Buddha. Each of them symbolizes one of the Buddha's virtues: Mañjuśrī manifests all the Buddhas' wisdom, Avalokiteśvara manifests all the Buddhas' compassion and Vajrapāṇi manifests all the Buddhas' power as well as the power of all five tathāgatas. Vajrapāṇi is one of the earliest dharmapalas mentioned in the Pāli Canon as well as be worshiped in the Shaolin Monastery, in Tibetan Buddhism and in Pure Land Buddhism, where he is known as Mahasthamaprapta and forms a triad with Amitābha and Avalokiteśvara.

Manifestations of Vajrapāṇi can also be found in many Buddhist temples in China, Korea and Japan as dharma protectors called the $\underline{\text{Nio}}$ ($\Box\Xi$) or "Benevolent Kings". They are two wrathful and muscular guardians of the Buddha standing today at the entrance of many Buddhist temples in $\underline{\text{East Asian Buddhism}}$ and are said to be dharmapala manifestations of Vajrapāṇi. They are also seen as a manifestations of Mahasthamaprapta in Pure Land Buddhism and as $\underline{\text{Vajrasattva}}$ in Tibetan Buddhism. In some texts, he is also described as the manifestation of Sakka, the ruler of Tavatimsa Devas.

According to Japanese tradition, they traveled with Gautama Buddha to protect him, reminiscent of Vajrapāṇi's role in the Amba that a Sutta of the Pali Canon. Within the generally pacifist tradition of Buddhism, stories of dharmapalas justified the use of physical force to protect cherished values and beliefs against evil. Vajrapāṇi is also associated with \underline{Acala} , who is venerated as $Fud\bar{o}$ - $My\bar{o}$ in Japan, where he is serenaded as the holder of the vajra. [7]

Classification

Four Great Bodhisattvas

There are several lists of four Bodhisattvas according to scripture and local tradition.

Popular Chinese Buddhism generally lists the following, as they are associated with the <u>Four Sacred</u> Mountains:

- Avalokiteśvara
- Kşitigarbha
- Mañjuśrī
- Samantabhadra

The <u>Womb Realm</u> Mandala of <u>Esoteric Buddhism</u> provides another enumeration. These bodhisattvas are featured in the Eight Petal Hall in the center of the mandala. They are as follows:

- Samantabhadra
- Mañjuśrī
- Avalokiteśvara
- Maitreya

The <u>Avataṃsaka Sūtra</u> mentions four bodhisattvas, each of whom expounds a portion of the Fifty-two Stages of Bodhisattva Practice.

- Dharmaprajñā
- Gunavana
- Vajraketu
- Vajragarbha

The Lotus Sutra provides a list of bodhisattvas that are the leaders of the Bodhisattvas of the Earth.

- Viśistacāritra
- Anantacāritra
- Viśuddhacāritra
- Supratisthitacāritra

Five Great Bodhisattvas

Chapter 7 of the <u>Humane King Sutra</u> provides an enumeration of five bodhisattvas, known as the "**Five Bodhisattvas of Great Power** (五大力菩薩)." There are two Chinese translations of this text, each providing an entirely different name to these figures. Their association with the cardinal directions also differs between versions. [8] They are as follows:

Old translation (Kumaravija)	Direction	New translation (Amoghavajra)	Direction
無量力吼	West	Vajrapāramitā (金剛波羅蜜多)	Central
雷電吼	North	Vajrayakṣa (金剛夜叉)	North
無畏方吼	East	Vajratīkṣṇa (金剛利)	West
龍王吼	South	Vajraratna (金剛宝)	South
金剛吼	Central	<u>Vajrapāṇi</u> (金剛手)	East

Ten Bodhisattvas

<u>Ten Bodhisattas</u> refer to ten future Buddhas as successors of <u>Shakyamuni (Gautama) Buddha</u>, in the following order. They are introduced as:

"Metteyyo Uttamo Rāmo, Paseno Kosalobibū, Dīghasoṇīca Caṅkīca, Subo, Todeyya Brahmano. Nāļāgirī Pālileyyo, Bhodhisatthā imedasa anukkamena sabhodiṁ, pāpuṇissanti nāgate".

- The noble Maitreya Buddha
- King Uttararama
- King Pasenadi of Kosala
- Abhibhū
- Dīghasonī
- Cankī (Candanī)
- Subha
- A Brahmin named, Todeyya
- An elephant named, Nāļāgirī
- The king of elephants, named Pālileyya^[9]

Sixteen Bodhisattvas

The <u>Niṣpannayogāvalī</u> provides a list of bodhisattvas known as the "**Sixteen Honored Ones of the Auspicious Aeon**." They also appear in a Sutra with the same title (賢劫十六尊). They are as follows, along with their respective associated directions:

East	South	West	North	
 Maitreya Amoghadarśana Sarvāpāyajaha Sarvaśokatamonirghātana 	GandhahastinŚaurayaGaganagañjaJñānaketu	AmitaprabhaBhadrapālaJālinīprabhaCandraprabha	AkṣayamatiPratibhānakūṭaVajragarbhaSamantabhadra	

Another set of sixteen are known as the "**Sixteen Great Bodhisattvas**" and make up a portion of the Diamond Realm Mandala. They are associated with the Buddhas of the cardinal directions.

Akşobhya	Ratnasaṃbhava	Amitābha	Amoghasiddhi
(East)	(South)	(West)	(North)
VajrasattvaVajrarāgaVajrarājaVajrasādhu	VajraratnaVajraketuVajratejaVajrahāsa	VajradharmaVajrahetuVajratīkṣṇaVajrabhāṣa	VajrakarmaVajrayakşaVajrarakşaVajrasamdhi

Twenty-five Bodhisattvas

According to the *Sūtra on Ten Methods of Rebirth in Amitābha Buddha's Land* (十往生阿彌陀佛國經), those people who are devoted to attaining rebirth in the <u>Western Pure Land</u> are protected by a great number of bodhisattvas. Twenty-five of them are given by name:

- Avalokiteśvara
- Mahāsthāmaprāpta
- Bhaişajyarāja
- Bhaişajyasamudgata
- Samantabhadra
- Dharmeśvara
- Siṃhanāda
- Dhāraṇī
- Ākāśagarbha
- Guṇagarbha
- Ratnagarbha
- Vajragarbha
- Vajra
- Girisāgaramati
- Raśmiprabharāja
- Avatamsakarāja
- Ganaratnarāja
- Candraprabharāja
- Divākararāja
- Samādhirāja
- Samādhīśvararāja
- Maheśvararāja
- Śuklahastarāja
- Mahātejarāja
- Anantakāya

Misc

Padmasambhāva

<u>Tibetan</u>: བਙུ་བབུང་གནས།, <u>THL</u>: *Pemajungné*, <u>Mongolian</u>: ловон Бадмажунай, <u>Chinese</u>: 莲花生大士; pinyin: *Liánhuāshēng*

Padmasambhāva "Lotus-Born", also known as **Guru Rinpoche**, is a literary character of <u>terma</u>, an emanation of Amitābha that is said to appear to <u>tertöns</u> in visionary encounters and a focus of Tibetan Buddhist practice, particularly in the Nyingma school.

Sangharama

(Chinese: 伽藍; pinyin: Qiélán; Vietnamese: Già Lam)

Only revered in <u>Chinese Buddhism</u> and <u>Taoism</u>, Sangharama refer to a group of devas who guard <u>viharas</u> and the faith, but the title is usually referring to the legendary Chinese military general <u>Guan Yu</u>, who became a dharmapala through becoming a Buddhist and making vows.

Sitātapatrā

(Chinese: 白傘蓋佛頂; pinyin: Bái Sǎngài Fúdǐng; Japanese pronunciation: Byakusangai Butchō; Korean: 시타타파트라), Tibetan: 기둥기자, Mongolian: Цагаан шүхэрт)

Sitātapatrā "the White Parasol" is a protector against supernatural danger. She is venerated in both Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions. She is also known as U \mathfrak{S} \mathfrak{N} \mathfrak{N}

Skanda

Chinese: 韋馱; pinyin: Wéituó; Japanese pronunciation: Idaten; Korean: 위타천; Vietnamese: Vi Đà, Tibetan: 지수도 기, THL: Dongdruk, Mongolian: Арван Хоёр Нууд) Skanda is regarded as a devoted guardian of viharas and the Buddhist teachings. He is the leader of the twenty-four celestial guardian deities mentioned in the Golden Light Sutra. In Chinese temples, Skanda faces the statue of the Buddha in the main shrine. In others, he is on the far right of the main shrine, whereas on the left is his counterpart, Sangharama, personified as the historical general Guan Yu. In Chinese sutras, his image is found at the end of the sutra, a reminder of his vow to protect and preserve the teachings.

Supuşpacandra

Mentioned in Shantideva's *Bodhisattvacaryāvatāra*.

Sūryaprabha

(Ch: 日光, *Rìguāng*, Kr. *Ilgwang*, Jp: *Nikkō*) One of two attendants of <u>Bhaisajyaguru</u>, together with Candraprabha.

Candraprabha

(Ch: 月光, *Yuèguāng*, Kr. *Wolgwang*, Jp: *Gakkō*) One of two attendants of <u>Bhaisajyaguru</u>, together with Sūryaprabha.

Tara

(Ch. 多羅, *Duō luó*) Female bodhisattva, or set of bodhisattvas, in Tibetan Buddhism. She represents the virtues of success in work and achievements. Also a manifestation of Avalokiteśvara.

Vasudhārā

Vasudhārā whose name means "stream of gems" in Sanskrit, is the bodhisattva of wealth, prosperity, and abundance. She is popular in many Buddhist countries and is a subject in Buddhist legends and art. Originally an Indian bodhisattva, her popularity has spread to Theravadin countries. Her popularity, however, peaks in Nepal, where she has a strong following among the Buddhist Newars of the Kathmandu Valley and is thus a central figure in Newar Buddhism. [12] She is named Shiskar Apa in Lahul and Spiti.

- Agnidatta
- Ākāṅkṣitamukha
- Amoghadarśin
- Anantamati
- Anantapratibhāna
- Anantavikrāmin
- Anārambaņadhyāyin
- Anikşiptadhura
- Aniñjya
- Anupalipta
- Anupamamati
- Aśokadatta, bodhisattva of the south
- Āśvāsahasta
- Bhadrapāla
- Bhadraśrī
- Brahmajāla
- Bhaişajyasena
- Buddhaghoşa
- Buddhiśrī
- Candrabhānu
- Candraśrī
- Candrasūryatrailokyadhārin
- Caryamati, bodhisattva of the west
- Daśaśataraśmihutārci (or Daśaśataraśmikṛtārci)
- Devarāja
- Dhācanimdhara
- Dhanaśrī
- Dharanīdhara
- Dharanīmdhara
- Dharanīśvararāja
- Dharmadhara
- Dharmaketu
- Dharmaksema
- Dharmamati
- Dharmavyūha
- Dharmeśvara
- Dhṛtiparipūrna
- Dundubhisvara
- Gadgadasvara

- Gajagandhahastin
- Gambhīraghoṣasvaranādita
- Gandhahastin
- Guhyagupta
- Harisimha
- Indrajāla
- Jālinīprabha
- Jayadatta, bodhisattva of the north
- Jayamati
- Jñānadarśana
- Jñānagarbha
- Jñānākara
- Jñānamati
- Jñānaprabha
- Jñānaśrī
- Jyotirasa
- Kşetralamkrta
- Lakṣaṇakūṭasamatikrānta
- Lakṣaṇasamalaṁkṛta
- Mahābrahmāśanku
- Mahāghoşasvararāja
- Mahākarunācandrin
- Mahāmati
- Mahāmeru
- Mahāpratibhāna
- Mahāvikrāmin
- Mahāvyūha
- Manicūda
- Maniratnacchattra
- Mārajit
- Mārapramardin
- Megharāja
- Meru
- Merudhvaja
- Merukūţa
- Merupradīparāja
- Merurāja
- Meruśikharadhara
- Meruśikharasamghaţţanarāja
- Merusvara
- Nakṣatrarāja
- Nakṣatrarājasaṃkusumitābhijña
- Nārāyaņa
- Nityaprahasitapramuditendriya

- Nityodyukta
- Nityotkanthita
- Nityotkşiptahasta
- Nityotpalakṛtahasta
- Pradānaśūra
- Padmagarbha
- Padmanetra
- Padmapāņi, bodhisattva of the southeast
- Padmaśrī
- Padmaśrīgarbha
- Padmavyūha
- Padmottara, bodhisattva of the nadir
- Prabhāketu
- Prabhāvyūha
- Prabhūtaratna
- Prajdākūţa
- Prajñākūta
- Pralānaśūra
- Prāmodyarāja
- Praņidhiprayātaprāpta
- Praśāntacāritramati
- Pratibhānakūţa
- Pratisamvitpranādaprāpta
- Pratisamvitprāpta
- Pṛthivīvaralocana
- Pūrnacandra
- Ratimkara
- Ratnacandra
- Ratnacūḍa
- Ratnadhvaja
- Ratnadvīpa
- Ratnagarbha
- Ratnajaha
- Ratnajāli
- Ratnākara
- Ratnaketu
- Ratnakūţa
- Ratnamudrāhasta
- Ratnamukuţa
- Ratnananda
- Ratnapāņi
- Ratnaprabha
- Ratnaprabhāsa
- Ratnasambhava

- Ratnaśikhara
- Ratnaśrī
- Ratnayaşţi
- Ratnavara, bodhisattva of the northwest
- Ratnavīra
- Ratnavyūha
- Ratnayaşţin
- Ratnolkādhārin
- Sadāparibhūta, one of Śākyamuni's past lives
- Sāgaramati
- Sahacittotpādadharmacakrapravartin
- Śailaśikharasamghaţţanarāja
- Samadarśin
- Samādhigarbha
- Samādhivikurvaņarāja
- Samantacandra
- Samantacāritramati
- Samantanetra
- Samantaprabha, bodhisattva of the east
- Samantaprāsādika
- Samanteryapatha
- Samatāvihārin
- Samavişamadarśin
- Sarvabhayahara
- Sarvamalāpagata
- Sarvamangaladhārin
- Sarvanīvaranavişkambhin
- Sarvapuņyalakşaņadhārin
- Sarvārthanāman
- Sarvasattvapriyadarśana
- Sarvaśūra
- Sarvatīrthamangaladhārin
- Satatamabhayamdad (or Satatamabhayamdadāna)
- Satatasamitābhiyukta
- Satatodyukta
- Simha
- Simhaketu
- Simhaghoṣābhigarjitaśvara
- Simhamati
- Simhanādanādin
- Simhavikrīdita
- Siddhārthamati
- Śrīgarbha
- Śubhagarbha

- Śubhakanakaviśuddhiprabha
- Śubhavimalagarbha
- Sujāta
- Sumati
- Sumeru
- Supratisthitabuddhi
- Sūryagarbha
- Sūryaprabha, bodhisattva of the southwest
- Suvarnacūḍa
- Suvarnagarbha
- Suvikrāntamati
- Svaraviśuddhiprabha
- Svaravyūha
- Tathāgatagarbha
- Trailokyarikrāmin
- Uşnīşavijayā
- Uttaramati
- Vairocana
- Vairocanarāśmipratimanditadhvajarājan
- Vajragarbha
- Vajramati
- Vajrasena
- Vardamānamati
- Varuna
- Vidyuddeva
- Vidyutdeva
- Vijayavikrāmin, bodhisattva of the northeast
- Vikurvaņarāja
- Vimalagarbha
- Vimalanetra
- Vimukticandra
- Viśālanetra
- Viśesamati
- Vyūharāja

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